

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- In a telephonic interview on 2/26/08 Mr. Skutnik indicated that inadvertently non-elected claims 45-49 had not been included in the amendment that was submitted on 2/11/08. since these nonelected claims depend on the independent claim 26, once claim 26 allowed then they would also be allowed. Mr. Skutnik faxed the amended claims directly to the examiner and stated to the examiner that he would simultaneously transmit a copy of these amended claims (26-38 and 40-49) electronically to the Patent Office.

Reason for Allowance

Claims 26-38 and 40-49 are allowed for the following reasons:

The instant application is deemed to be directed to a nonobvious improvement over the invention patented in Pat. No. Bays et al. (US 2005/0165462).

Claim 26 is allowed because the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious wherein the diffusion regions are produced using silicone as a curable, liquid diffusion medium in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 27-38 and 40-49 are allowed by virtue of dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kianni C. Kaveh whose telephone number is 571-272-2417. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-19:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on 571-272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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